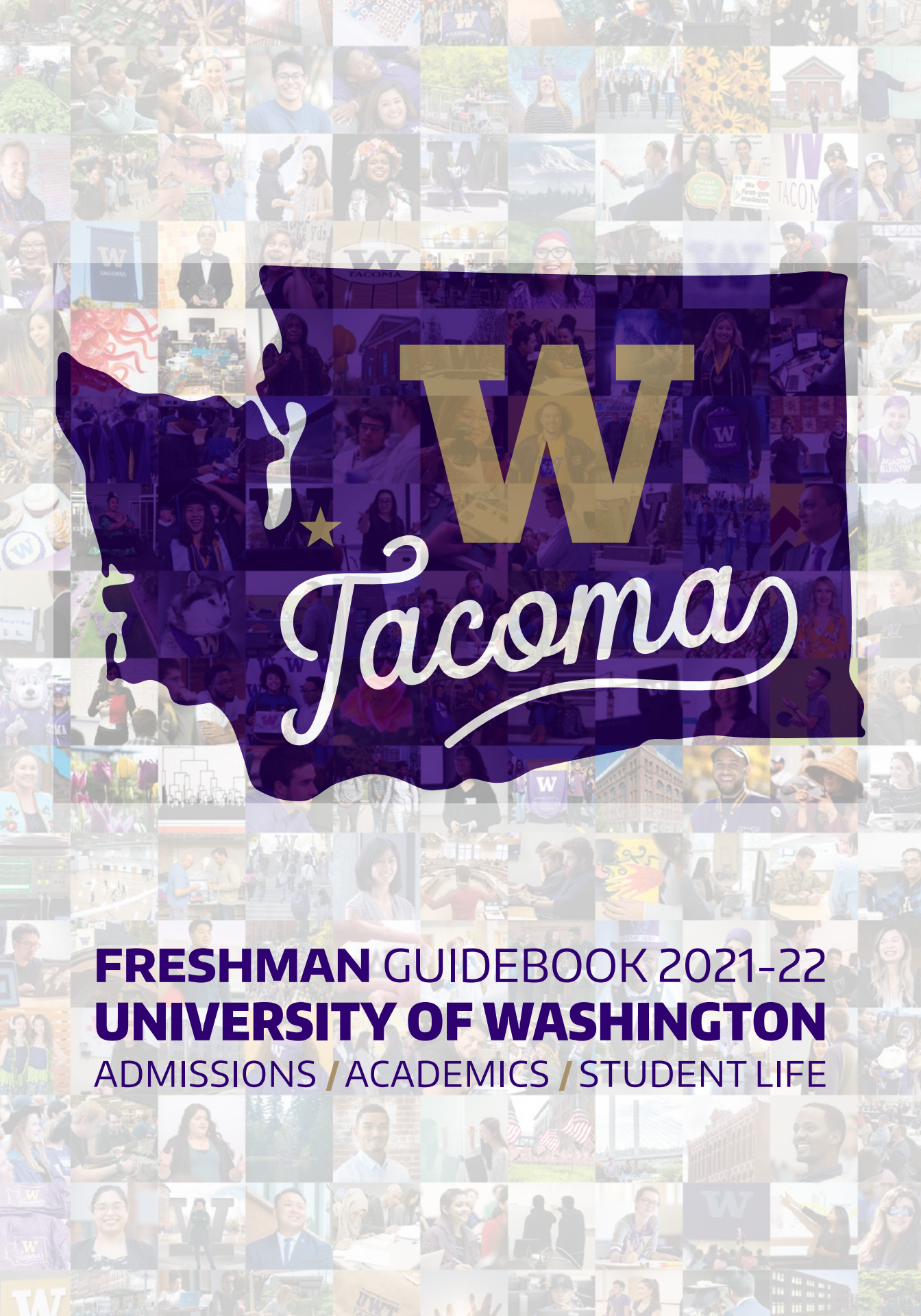

FRESHMAN GUIDEBOOK 2021-22
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
ADMISSIONS / ACADEMICS / STUDENT LIFE

TOP50
Colleges with the greatest racial/ethnic student diversity†

CENTER FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS
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UW TACOMA
QUICK FACTS

5,380

Student headcount 2020-21

39%	Caucasian/White
20%	Asian American
15%	Hispanic/Latinx
9%	African American
9%	Reporting two+ races*
4%	International
1%	Hawaiian/Pac. Islander
1%	Native American
2%	Not indicated

*Students reporting multiple race/ethnicities are counted in each category. All information shown is current as of Autumn Quarter 2019.
†Chronicle of Higher Education, Almanac 2019.

58%

Freshmen who are first-generation college students

Students whose parents never attended college or never completed a degree.

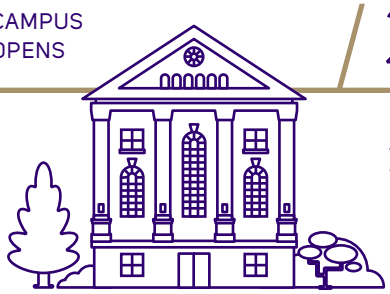
KIRSTEN

'21 Biomedical Sciences; Psychology; UW Husky100; Chancellor's Medalist

Kirsten graduated from Bonney Lake High School. At UW Tacoma, she immediately got involved with the Student Activities Board (SAB) and the Associated Student's of UW Tacoma (ASUWT). "I chose UW Tacoma because it just seemed like I didn't have to try to be something that I wasn't," she said. "I could just be myself and I would be accepted for who I am." Kirsten was able to conduct research projects in Bolivia and Tacoma and was named to UW's Husky 100.

1990 CAMPUS OPENS

28,000+ UW DEGREES AWARDED FROM THE TACOMA CAMPUS



A University of Washington degree links you for a lifetime with the benefits of a 160-year international reputation for exemplary teaching and research.

WHY UW TACOMA?

Get a **UW DEGREE** with courses led by faculty who love teaching and care about their students.

We're a public university: **WE VALUE DIVERSITY** and work to bring success to all our students.

THE CITY IS YOUR CAMPUS. Step out of the classroom and into Downtown Tacoma's restaurants, shops, museums and music venues.

Choose from **CAREER-FOCUSED MAJORS** in high-demand fields with an emphasis on social responsibility.

Enjoy **SMALL CLASSES** where one-on-one instruction and guidance are the rule, not the exception.

Our **URBAN-SERVING MISSION** means faculty, staff and students contribute to the growth and prosperity of our region.

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359 UW TACOMA FACULTY

16:1 STUDENT FACULTY RADIO

TANYA **VELASQUEZ**

Associate Teaching Professor, Sociology
UW Distinguished Teaching Award 2020

Ms. Velasquez's teaching is recognized for using high-impact, community-engaged teaching practices and individualized, long-term mentoring. She integrates knowledge of community and diversity into teaching and learning in the classroom and beyond. Her commitment to equity and excellence is at the very heart of what she brings the campus community.

MATT **TOLENTINO**

Assistant Professor,
School of Engineering & Technology

Dr. Tolentino collaborates with the Tacoma Fire Dept. to integrate new technology to be able to track other firefighters during hazardous conditions.

100% CLASSES TAUGHT BY FACULTY / 29 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE / 188 FACULTY-AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS 2020-21

OUR FACULTY ARE INVOLVED

A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION BEGINS IN THE CLASSROOM

THE FACULTY AT UW TACOMA ARE LEADERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS. Their internationally-recognized research has contributed to our understanding of some of the major scientific and cultural issues of the day.

From stress measuring robots to firefighting drones, the faculty at UW Tacoma are on the cutting edge of research. Our faculty have partnered with local organizations and businesses to address everyday challenges including water pollution, gun violence and affordable housing. They are leading the way both in and out of the classroom.

As a student at UW Tacoma, you'll have access to some of the brightest minds in academia. With an average class size of 29 students, UW Tacoma professors have a more student-centered approach to teaching that ensures everyone has the opportunity to learn and succeed.

DANICA MILLER

Assistant Professor,
American Indian Studies

Dr. Miller is a member of the Puyallup Tribe of Nations. Her research focuses on Puyallup history and Indigenous Sovereignty. She received the UW Distinguished Teaching Award in 2018.

SHARON LAING

Associate Professor,
Healthcare Leadership

Dr. Laing is a scholar of community-based health and wellness. Her current research investigates the role of mobile devices to enhance interactions between patients and the healthcare system in low-income communities. She is passionate about student research and received the UW Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award in 2020.

16 LIBRARIES ON THREE UW CAMPUSES

UW TACOMA STUDENTS CAN BORROW LAPTOPS + A VARIETY OF MULTIMEDIA

WE SUPPORT YOU

COLLEGE TAKES WORK

There are assignments to do, deadlines to meet, requirements to fulfill and forms to complete. The staff and faculty at UW Tacoma are here to help.

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC ADVISING will help you sort out your class schedule and make sure you're on track to graduate. Need help with homework? The **TEACHING & LEARNING CENTER** inside UW Tacoma's Library has experienced tutors waiting to assist on most subjects.

PACK ADVISORS and **FIRST GEN FELLOWS** foster a successful transition into the UW Tacoma community and the **CENTER FOR EQUITY & INCLUSION** aims to create safe and welcoming spaces to cultivate our diverse campus community.

Life doesn't stop when you step on campus. You might get sick. You might find yourself stressed and in need of someone to talk to. We have a **COUNSELING CENTER** on campus and our partnership with **FRANCISCAN HEALTHCARE** ensures you have access to a doctor any time of day.

There may also come a time when you need a little more. **THE PANTRY** provides students with free food and our **OFFICE OF STUDENT ADVOCACY & SUPPORT** can work with you to create a long term solution to whatever difficulty you're experiencing.

Our **VETERAN & MILITARY RESOURCE CENTER** assists veterans, active-duty members and their families with making the most of their educational benefits. The VMRC offers campus programming for our military-connected students.

CENTER FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS
FIRST-GEN FORWARD
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58% of UW Tacoma freshmen are the first in their families to attend college.

DANIELA

'22 Criminal Justice

"Something that stood out to me about UW Tacoma is the community—how diverse it is on campus and how welcoming it is here. As a first-gen student that is super important to me." The Emerald Ridge High School graduate and Running Start student says UW Tacoma's small class sizes let her establish relationships with her peers and faculty.

CAREER-FOCUSED DEGREES + MAJORS

SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCES

ARTS, MEDIA AND CULTURE BA
Focuses on how art and media operate within and transform culture. Learn to interpret literature, visual art, film, music or other media. Four tracks: COMPARATIVE ARTS, LITERATURE, FILM AND MEDIA and VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES BS
Examines life sciences including cell biology, microbiology, molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry, and physiology. Prepares you for training and employment in healthcare- and biology-related fields.

COMMUNICATION BA
Develops theoretical knowledge and practical skills in mass media through an interdisciplinary, multicultural curriculum. Two tracks: PROFESSIONAL and RESEARCH.

ECONOMICS AND POLICY ANALYSIS BA NEW
Explores connections between markets and government and uses economic reasoning to engage critically with policy areas such as education and health in local and national communities. HONORS option available.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE BS
Provides a science background focused on understanding and solving environmental issues. Involves coursework in, and hands-on experience with, biology, chemistry, the geosciences, physics and math. Two options: CONSERVATION BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY and GEOSCIENCE.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BA
Prepares you to understand, analyze, and solve environmental and sustainability challenges. Five available options: BUSINESS/NONPROFIT, COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, GLOBAL HONORS and POLICY AND LAW.

ETHNIC, GENDER AND LABOR STUDIES BA
Examines how communities form and are transformed, with a focus on the relationship between social class, race and ethnicity, and gender. Three options: LABOR STUDIES, GENDER STUDIES and ETHNIC STUDIES.

GLOBAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION BA
Explores artistic, cultural, political and economic patterns in an international context. Choose to study one or more world regions or specific themes. Advanced language study is an integral component.

HISTORY BA
Analysis of roots and causes of contemporary issues in society, politics, and culture; identification of the forces behind social change and transformation, and differing forms of identity. With four thematic options: ARTS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY, GLOBAL HISTORY, LABOR AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS and POWER, GENDER AND IDENTITY.

INDIVIDUALLY-DESIGNED CONCENTRATION BA
This concentration is an individually-designed option for those who wish to create a program of study by combining selected courses from within our range of programs.

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCES BA
Provides broad exposure to key areas of knowledge within the arts and sciences, while stressing their interconnectedness. Emphasizes interdisciplinary skills and thinking needed to function successfully in a rapidly changing world.

LAW AND POLICY BA
Develops theoretical reasoning and analytical skills for assessing current topics in law and policy. Critically examines the political, social, historical and economic context of law in the U.S. and around the world.

MATHEMATICS BS
Explores a broad range of ideas in mathematics and its applications. Provides a strong theoretical and practical basis for STEM-related jobs.

POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS BA
Offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of social phenomena through the analysis of the institutions, values, and markets that shape them. This highly flexible major offers three options: ECONOMICS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES and POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY

PSYCHOLOGY BA
Examines the psychological, biological, and contextual determinants of human behavior through different forms of knowledge [e.g., evidence-based (quantitative/qualitative), interpretive (existential), & expressive (play, creative arts)].

SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURES BA
Develops Spanish language skills, intercultural competence, and knowledge of cultural, historical, and political contexts of Spain, and the Americas. All upper-level courses are taught in Spanish.

WRITING STUDIES BA
Learn to write dynamically in a range of genres for diverse audiences, and to think critically and creatively, with a well-rounded liberal arts education in the sciences and the humanities. Two tracks are offered: CREATIVE WRITING and TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

CIVIL ENGINEERING BS NEW
Provides the essential concepts and skills needed to address challenges facing the nation's civil engineering infrastructure in the areas of structural, construction, geotechnical, transportation, environmental and water resources engineering.

COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND SYSTEMS BS
Studies the design, construction and implementation of hardware/software elements to put you at the forefront of modern circuit and microprocessor design, software engineering and embedded systems.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SYSTEMS BA
Paves the way to a specialized technology focus through an interdisciplinary major that pairs core computer science coursework with a required minor of your choosing.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SYSTEMS BS
Develops a strong foundation in the theory and direct application of computer science principles to design software that meets current industry needs.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING BS
Designs circuits, algorithms and devices to collect, store, transfer and display electronic information for applications in communications, signal processing, electromagnetics, power, controls, and embedded systems.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BS
Builds a theoretical and practical framework for analyzing, designing, integrating, and managing information systems to meet the needs of end users. Program emphasizes application, deployment, configuration and development of information management technology.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING BS
Develops the skills and experience to apply principles of engineering, basic science, and mathematics to model, analyze, and design systems in healthcare, energy, manufacturing, aerospace and robotics.

STAY CONNECTED!

Join our mailing list. We'll let you know about upcoming events and application deadlines: **tacoma.uw.edu/requests**

MILGARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Offers the following options for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Business Administration:

ACCOUNTING
Focuses on recording and reporting financial transactions and the use of that data in fiscal decision making in public and private accounting.

FINANCE
Studies financial markets, portfolio management, financial planning, investing, banking and how financial services function in a global economy.

GENERAL BUSINESS
Customizable path exploring a wide range of business disciplines, including data analytics, entrepreneurship, finance, international business, management and marketing.

MANAGEMENT
Enhance your ability to get work done with and through other people in a variety of organizations and learn how to manage in rapidly changing environments.

MARKETING
Studies consumer behavior, product development, advertising, retailing, sales management, distribution and social media to develop competitive marketing strategies.

SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP

HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP BA
Explores health care issues, social marketing, information management, budgeting and diversity to promote health. Provides preparation for leadership roles in a variety of organizations.

NURSING RN TO BSN*
Provides an efficient path for Registered Nurses (RN) to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) degree. Emphasizes communication, critical thinking, cultural sensitivity, policy, health promotion and quality management.
*You must be a RN licensed in Washington before starting this program.

UW TACOMA STUDENTS STUDIED IN OVER 12 COUNTRIES IN 2019-20

SCHOOL OF **SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BA
Offers a multidisciplinary understanding of crime and justice from a social justice perspective, preparing you for careers in criminal justice or pursuing graduate or law school study. ONLINE OPTION AVAILABLE.

SOCIAL WELFARE BA
Prepares competent, ethical and culturally-responsive social workers committed to social justice and evidence-based practice with an emphasis on poor and underserved populations.

Starting at orientation, **UW Tacoma's Career Development Center** works with you inside and outside of the classroom to help you make career decisions and demonstrate your talents, skills, and strengths to employers for success beyond graduation: **tacoma.uw.edu/career**

SCHOOL OF URBAN STUDIES

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BA
Studies the global movement for significant "greening" of urban development through environmental quality, economic prosperity and social equality.

URBAN DESIGN BS
Urban design is the art and science of creating and improving livability in our cities. Uses community engagement and digital skills to produce design solutions.

URBAN STUDIES BA
Studies cities and how they function, how people interact, the role of government, and how growth and development are planned. The major offers the following options: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING, GIS & SPATIAL PLANNING and GLOBAL URBANISM.

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

STUDYING ABROAD is an excellent opportunity to develop real-world skills, explore new cultures, and broaden perspectives while earning college credits. UW Tacoma students are eligible for study abroad scholarships and can also participate in many study abroad programs offered by any UW campus.
tacoma.uw.edu/global-affairs

THE GLOBAL HONORS PROGRAM adds distinction to any degree and offers curricular pathways in **Global Leadership and Global Citizenship**, and a **Minor in Global Engagement.** Global Honors offers a stimulating learning environment, an innovative and experientially rich curriculum, highly invested faculty, generous scholarships and awards, specialized advising, and an active community of critically engaged students. Open to qualified students of all majors, it is designed to increase the depth and breadth of student understanding of critical global issues.
tacoma.uw.edu/global-honors

6 DOWNTOWN MUSEUMS / 69 CITY PARKS / 182 COFFEE SHOPS / 30 MINUTES TO SEATAC

DISCOVER TACOMA

HERE YOU BELONG TO A COMMUNITY

A bustling metropolis that feels more like a neighborhood. The feeling's the same whether you're walking Pacific Avenue shops, restaurants and museums or riding the LINK to see a show in the theater district or catching a game at Cheney Stadium. The streets are busy but you're never far away from adventure. Whether you travel by car or public transportation you'll find what you're looking for and more. We're not big but neither are we small. We are the right size. We have room for more: more entertainment, food, parks, concerts, business, jobs. We have room for you.

216,271 2019 TACOMA POPULATION

39" ANNUAL RAINFALL U.S. AVG IS 41"

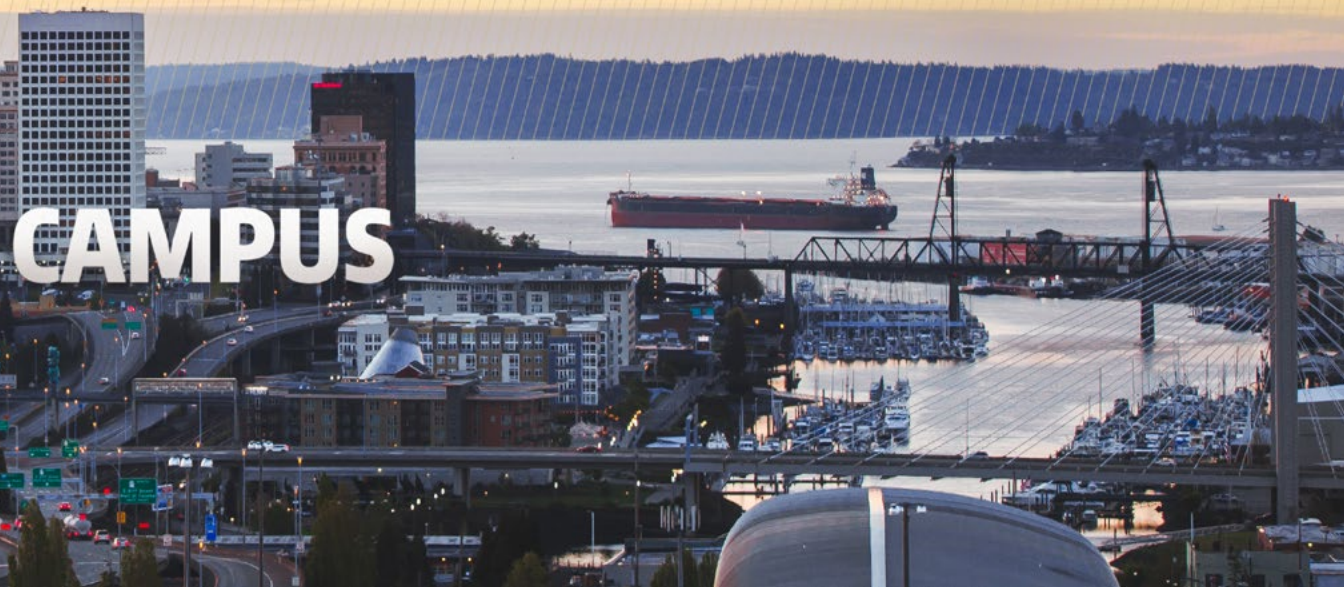
THAT'S LESS THAN NEW YORK CITY!

TOP20 GAME-CHANGING PLACES TO LIVE

SUNSET MAGAZINE, JAN. 2018

THINGS TO DO

Downtown music & arts
Theater District
International food
Top museums
Tacoma Rainiers AAA Baseball
Tacoma Defiance + OL Reign Soccer
Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
Pt. Ruston Waterfront
Tacoma Dome concerts
Farmers' markets
Washington State Fair
Biking/hiking trails



ZOO & AQUARIUM
POINT RUSTON
POINT DEFIANCE
BLUE MOUSE THEATRE
COMICS
TACOS
tasty food
Market
6TH AVE

SEATTLE
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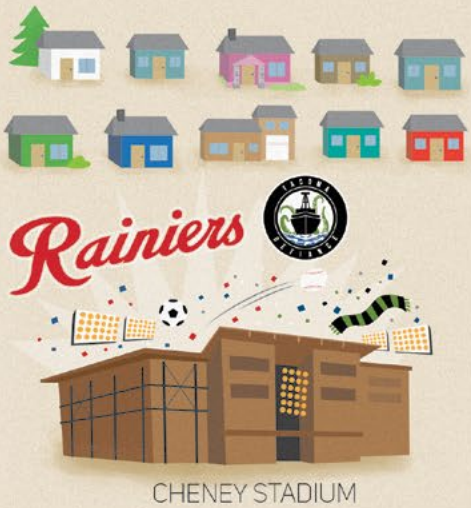
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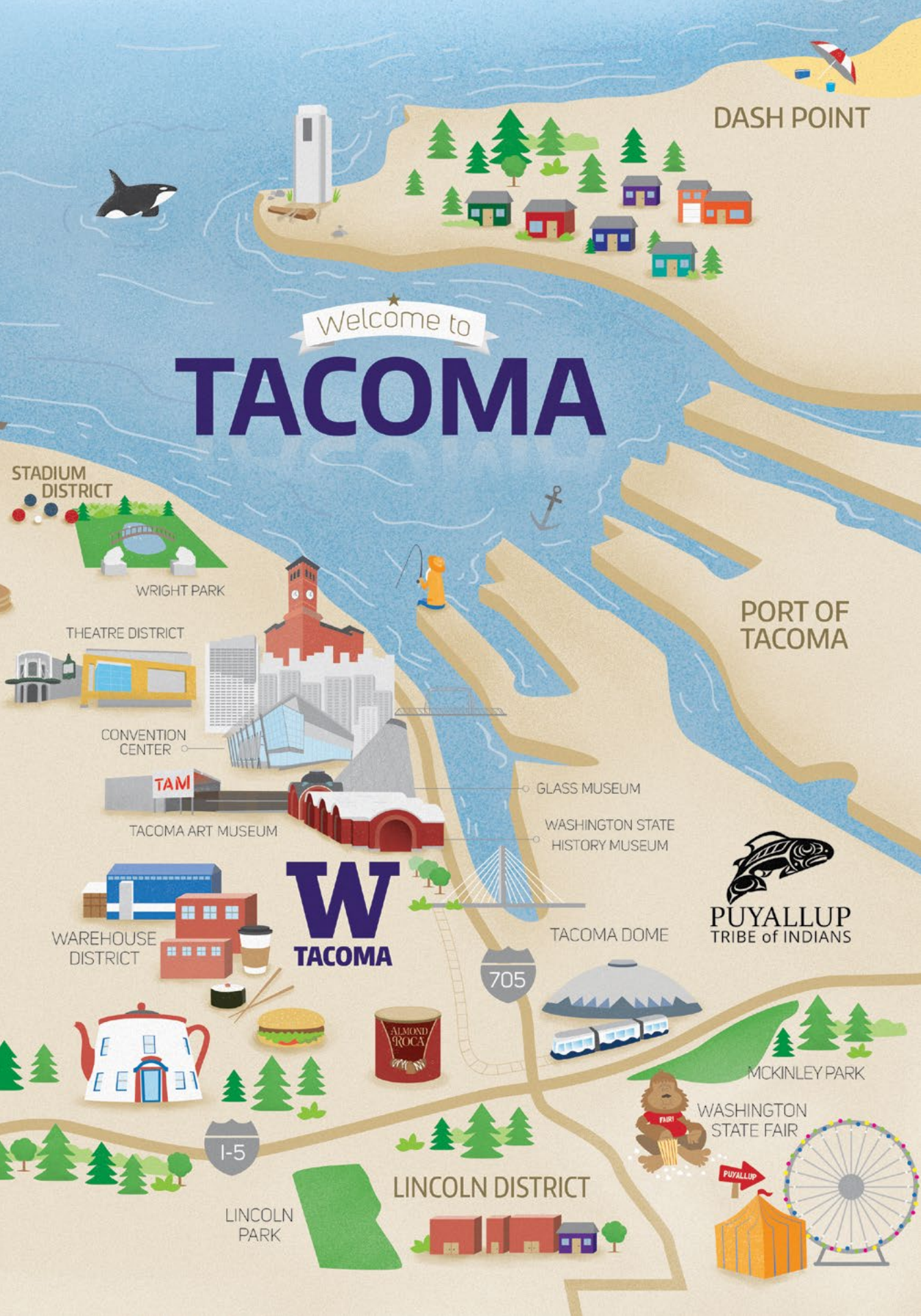
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Welcome to
TACOMA
STADIUM DISTRICT
WRIGHT PARK
THEATRE DISTRICT
PORT OF TACOMA
CONVENTION CENTER
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TACOMA ART MUSEUM
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WAREHOUSE DISTRICT
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ALMOND ROCA
MCKINLEY PARK
WASHINGTON STATE FAIR
I-5
LINCOLN DISTRICT
LINCOLN PARK
PUYALLUP

tacoma.uw.edu/involvement / 60+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

4,787 HOURS LOGGED IN 2019-20 BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

STUDENT LIFE

GET INVOLVED

From academic to cultural and social, there are many different clubs on campus, each with its own focus. The **Student Activities Board** and **Center for Equity & Inclusion** sponsor a variety of cultural, entertainment and social-issue events during the academic year.

Engage with the **Associated Students of UW Tacoma (ASUWT),** an elected body that represents student interests on campus and in the community. **tacoma.uw.edu/involvement**

GET A BITE TO EAT

Restaurants and coffee shops are located right on campus and are open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and beyond. **pacavetacoma.com**

STAY HEALTHY

The University Y Student Center has a game room, basketball court, cardio, weights, a climbing wall, an indoor track and locker rooms. The University Y offers a variety of activities—including fitness classes, intramurals, personal training and outdoor trips. UW Tacoma students automatically receive a membership to ALL YMCA locations around the country. **tacoma.uw.edu/uwy**

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Looking to get engaged on and off campus? Participating in community service helps students who want to make a difference in the community grow as future leaders. You can volunteer at local nonprofits, attend local service events on and off campus, or participate in several programs designed for student schedules! Learn more about **Community Service and Leadership** programs at **tacoma.uw.edu/CSL**

SERVE YOUR COUNTRY

UW Tacoma participates in **Army ROTC** in partnership with Pacific Lutheran University. For more info on ROTC and other programs, contact the Army ROTC Career Counselor at: ROTC@plu.edu, or call 253-535-8740.

BE ENTERTAINED

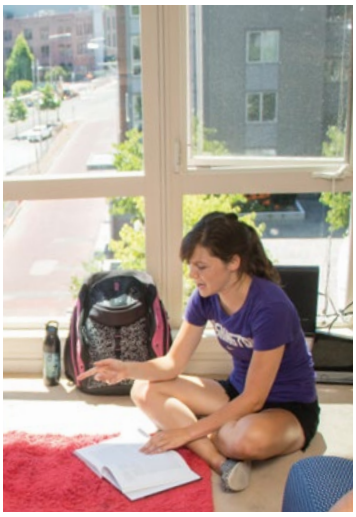
Walk across the street and check out a museum or hop aboard the LINK train to the **Tacoma Dome** for a concert or go the other way to the **Theater District.** You could always stroll the shops around **Pacific Avenue** or take a walk to **Alma Mater.** There you'll find a cafe and the occasional show or even night market. If you're looking to get away from the hustle and bustle, consider soaking up the scenery at **Point Defiance Park** and **Point Ruston Waterfront.** There's lots to discover!

SUMMER

'22 Biomedical Sciences; Global Honors; Sr. Coordinator for Student Involvement

Summer, a graduate of South Kitsap High School, aims to provide an involved college experience by ensuring that there are student events, club connections, jobs, and resources for all Huskies. After graduation, Summer plans to go into cancer research in honor of her mother.

ON CAMPUS HOUSING



DISCOVER A UNIQUE LIVING EXPERIENCE AT UW TACOMA

Living on campus allows you to build relationships with a diverse set of peers. **UW Tacoma's Court 17 Residence Hall** offers all the conveniences of apartment-style living coupled with exclusive events and activities, a vibrant community of learners, and a safe environment that facilitates academic success.

Newly-admitted students should apply for housing by the priority deadline of May 1. Applications will continue to be accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information and to apply for housing: **tacoma.uw.edu/housing**

COURT 17 OFFERS:

- Spacious studio, 1- and 2- bedroom units (shared) each with private bathrooms
- Utilities and high speed internet included
- Furniture essentials provided
- Full kitchen, including refrigerator, oven, sink, dishwasher and microwave.
- Washer and dryer in all units
- Community room
- Secured parking garage with paid permit

HOUSING RATE FOR 2021-22

Academic year (9-months)

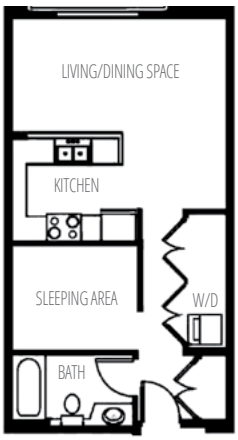
$7,443 - $14,562* per academic year, depending on type of apartment.

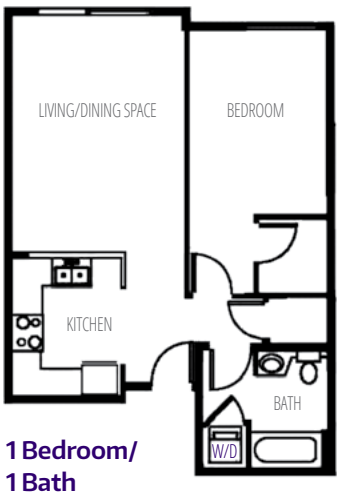
*Meals and parking not included. Rates are subject to change. Room capacities may be impacted by COVID-19 guidelines.

BENEFITS OF LIVING ON CAMPUS

- Convenient and close to classes
- Hall staff live on each floor
- Events + leadership opportunities specifically for Court 17 residents
- Safe living environment with controlled entry access
- Amazon locker located across the street
- In-hall self-checkout micromarket available 24/7 for snacks and essentials
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums and parks
- Convenient access to public transportation (with UW ID)

Studio/1 Bath
Houses 2 students





1 Bedroom/ 1 Bath
Houses 2 students

2 Bedroom/2 Bath
Houses 4 students

APPLY BY
JAN15
FOR PRIORITY
CONSIDERATION

3.02-3.62 MIDDLE 50% GPA OF ADMITTED STUDENTS

93% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE FROM WASHINGTON

ADMISSION

All students who hold a 2.0 high school GPA and meet all College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs) and present a complete application will be reviewed.

HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (CADRS)

- English - 4 yrs
- Math - 3 yrs
  - Algebra
  - Geometry
  - Algebra II
- Social Sciences - 3 yrs
- Science - 3 yrs
  2 yrs. must be lab-based classes
- World Language - 2 yrs
- Fine, Visual or Performing Art - 0.5 yr
- Academic Elective - 0.5 yr
- Sr. Year, Math-Based Quantitative Course- 1 yr
  Intermediate algebra (or higher), stats, chemistry or physics

For more details, please visit:
tacoma.uw.edu/cadrs

RUNNING START STUDENTS

Be sure to:

- Apply as a freshman
- Send your official community college transcripts in June.
- Meet with an Admissions Advisor to discuss your credits

QUESTIONS?

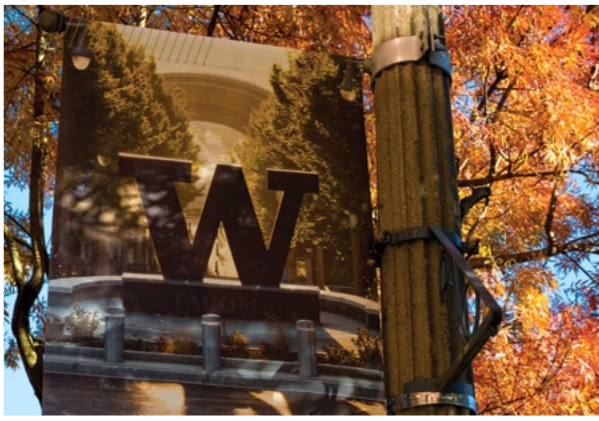
Contact an admissions advisor. We are available for one-on-one consultations to answer your questions and help you navigate the admission process.
tacoma.uw.edu/meet-your-advisor

253-692-4742 or 800-736-7750
uwtinfo@uw.edu

CHANISE

'22 Law and Policy;
Global Engagement

Chanise entered UW Tacoma as a first-year student. Originally from Virginia, she is passionate about public service, human rights and activism. Chanise was named a 2021 Truman Scholar, a prestigious honor given to only 62 students nationwide.



HOW TO APPLY

1. Go to **tacoma.uw.edu/apply** to start a freshman application.
2. Create a CollegeNet user name and password.
3. Provide academic interest, demographic data, and family history information.
4. Complete the **Academic Grid.**
5. Complete a solid **Personal Statement.** This is our best means of getting to you. You will be given a choice of essay prompts. It's best to first write your statement in a word processing program and then copy/paste it in the application text box.
6. Complete the **Activity Log.** You may share details about five activities in which you have participated.
7. **Provide More Information.** If you have a GPA below 2.7, we highly recommend you provide more information regarding your situation or explain any portion of your application.
8. Pay the **application fee** or request a **fee waiver.** At the end of the application, you will be prompted to submit a payment of $60 or you may request a fee waiver. Should a waiver be granted, you will receive an "application received" confirmation email. If not, you will be asked to pay the $60 fee.
9. If you are providing an **SAT** or **ACT** test score, submit official scores directly from the testing agency.

   SAT Code: **4445** / ACT code: **4493**

You should turn in a complete application online as early as possible for priority consideration for admission and scholarships. Applications received after the **priority application date of January 15** will be considered on a space-available basis.

APPLY BY
JAN 15

ANDRE

'22 Law and Policy; Global Engagement; ASUWT President

As a Running Start student, Andre attended and graduated with an Associates degree from Tacoma Community College. He says the UWT community has been welcoming. "From professors who would spend extra time over Zoom, to advisors that would check in over email, I have felt supported in pursuing my goals."

NEED HELP?

tacoma.uw.edu/admissions
253-692-4742
uwtinfo@uw.edu

fafsa.ed.gov COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA BY JAN 15 / 003798 UW SCHOOL CODE

COSTS + FINANCIAL AID

#2 BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK IN WASHINGTON†

FINANCIAL AID

To qualify for Financial Aid, you must file a **FAFSA** or **WASFA**. This process allows the university to offer grants, loans and/or work-study. **It is in one's best interest to complete this application by Jan. 15.**

FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

All admissions applicants are automatically considered for these merit-based scholarships; no additional materials are necessary but **your application must be received by Jan. 15.** For more scholarship information and resources, visit **tacoma.uw.edu/scholarships**

STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS

The Real Hope Act, signed into law in 2014, extends Washington State Need Grant eligibility to some undocumented residents. Complete the WASFA application online: **wsac.wa.gov/wasfa**

IN-STATE STUDENTS

2021-22 Tuition	**$12,198**
Room/Board	$4,632-13,194
Books	$900
Transportation	$1,044
Personal	$2,316
TOTAL	**$21,090-29,652**

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

2021-22 Tuition	**$40,026**
Room/Board	$13,194
Books	$900
Transportation	$1044
Personal	$2,316
TOTAL	**$57,480**

THE HUSKY PROMISE

We believe students from all economic backgrounds should have the opportunity to attend UW Tacoma. **HUSKY PROMISE** is our guarantee to Washington residents that we will not let financial challenges stand in the way. Full tuition and standard fees will be covered by grant or scholarship support for eligible students. **Guaranteed.** If tuition increases, so will your financial aid.

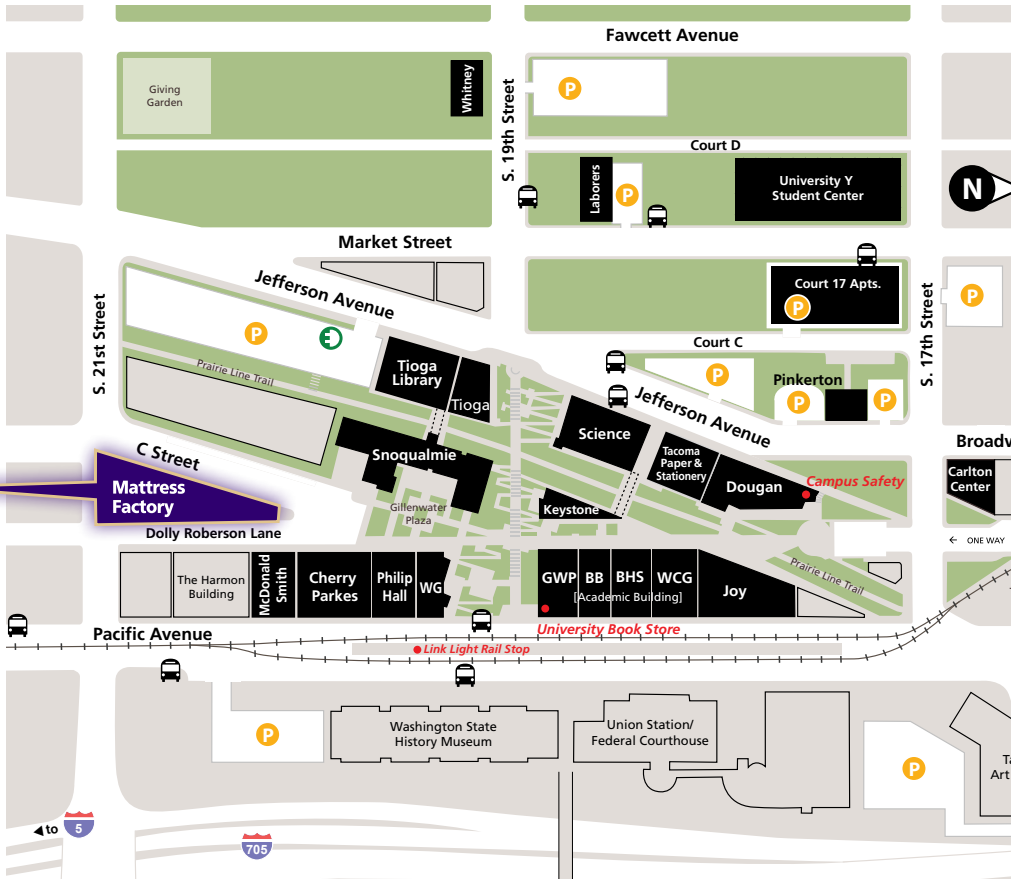
To qualify, you must be a Washington resident, qualify for the federal Pell Grant or the State Need Grant, be a full-time admitted student pursuing a first bachelor's degree, maintain satisfactory academic progress and **submit the FAFSA or WASFA each year by Jan.15.** Husky Promise is limited to 12 quarters of eligibility at the UW. For more information visit **huskypromise.uw.edu**

THE NET PRICE CALCULATOR TOOL

This online tool is designed to help students and their families estimate financial aid awards and the net cost to attend UW Tacoma: **tacoma.uw.edu/netpricecalculator**

For more financial aid information:
tacoma.uw.edu/finaid

† A measure used to spotlight colleges that "help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices." Washington Monthly, Sept. 2020.



VISIT UW TACOMA

UW Tacoma is currently hosting in-person and virtual visit experiences! Visit us in the heart of downtown Tacoma for a campus tour, or learn about our admissions requirements and how to apply through one of our live virtual webinars. A campus visit, whether virtual or in-person, is an excellent way to explore the UW Tacoma student experience. Email **uwtinfo@uw.edu** to request an appointment or head to **tacoma.uw.edu/visit** to connect with your admissions advisor and find the visit experience that works best for you!

Our live webinars offer a variety of topics! You'll find everything from how to apply to a live campus tour, sessions in Spanish, and Q&A time with current students: **tacoma.uw.edu/admissions/webinar**

Are you interested in a one-on-one advising meeting? Email **uwtinfo@uw.edu**. We will happily set something up just for you.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR FRESHMAN APPLICANTS:

OCT 1

FAFSA/WASFA OPENS
FAFSA.ED.GOV OR **WSAC.WA.GOV/WASFA**
UW SCHOOL CODE: 003798

APPLY BY

JAN 15

PRIORITY ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION
SUBMIT FAFSA/WASFA

MAY 1

ACCEPT ADMISSIONS
ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS
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